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Fort Polk to Transfer Remaining UH-1s to Fort Rucker, AL

Fort Polk, La. – Fort Polk will send off its last four UH-1s (“Huey”) to Fort Rucker, AL, at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, July 22nd, at Polk Army Air Field.

These four aircraft are the last remaining operational UH-1s in the Joint Readiness Training Center Flight Detachment.

The most widely used military helicopter, the Bell UH-1 series Iroquois, better known as the "Huey", began arriving in Vietnam in 1963. Before the end of the conflict, more than 5,000 of these versatile aircraft were introduced into Southeast Asia. "Hueys" were used for medical evacuation, command and control, and air assault; to transport personnel and materiel; and as gun ships. Considered to be the most widely used helicopter in the world, with more than 9,000 produced from the 1950s to the present, about 40 countries fly the Huey today.

Since their arrival here in the early 90s, the aircraft have flown thousands of hours in support of JRTC and Fort Polk. Missions have ranged from Air Assault School

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slung loads and rappel missions, Opposing Force support, parachute drops, long range surveillance detachment missions (LRSD), and countless other missions in support of the Post and the Military.

The aircraft are being transferred to the Army Aviations Technical Test Center, (ATTC) located at Fort Rucker, AL as part of normal Army aviation transformation and fleet realignment

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